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TAGS: CPRS, PFORY, YO

SUBJECT: EXTRADITION : ALLAN CREIGHTON SHEFFIELD

REF : BELGRADE 4404 AND PREVIOUS

1. CHIEF CONSULAR SECTION DISCUSSED SHEFFIELD EXTRA-
DITION CASE WITH INTERNAL AFFAIRS SECRETARIAT (SUP)
OFFICIALS OCTOBER 20 EMPHASIZING THAT USG STILL
INTERESTED IN HAVING SHEFFIELD RETURNED TO U.S. TO
STAND TRIAL. CONOFF AGAIN SUGGESTED POSSIBILITY U.S.
SENDING MARSHALS TO ESCORT SHEFFIELD AS ANY CARRIER
PROBABLY RELUCTANT TO TAKE PERSON WHO PREVIOUSLY
HIJACKED PLANE WITHOUT ESCORT.

2. SUP OFFICIALS SAID THAT SHEFFIELD DOES NOT WANT
TO RETURN TO U.S. AND HAD EXPRESSED DESIRE GO TO
EITHER BULGARIA OR CUBA. CONOFF REPEATED THAT HE
AUTHORIZED ONLY ISSUE SHEFFIELD CARD OF IDENTITY GOOD
ONLY FOR RETURN TO U.S.

3. OFFICIALS HINTED THAT "TECHNICAL PROBLEMS"
INVOLVED IN GETTING SHEFFIELD BACK TO U.S. COULD
PROBABLY BE WORKED OUT BUT STRESSED THAT COOPERATION
IS TWO-WAY STREET AND IMMEDIATELY RAISED VRACARIC
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CASE (STATE 181174 AND PREVIOUS), ON OFFICIAL STATING

THAT TWO CASES "ALMOST SAME". CONOFF REPLIED THAT
CASES NOT EXACTLY SAME AS VRACARIC EXTRADITION HEARING
NOT HELD YET PENDING DECISION REGARDING HIS CITIZENSHIP.
CONOFF PROMISED PROVIDE STATUS REPORT ON VRACARIC AS
SOON AS POSSIBLE. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE REPORT.

4. DURING PREVIOUS CONVERSATIONS WITH OFFICIALS OF
FEDERAL SECRETARIAT FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS TWO CASES WERE
NEVER LINKED.
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